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Fiscal Note

HF 2008 - School Board Member Terms (LSB 5235 HH)

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Fiscal Note Version - New

Requested by Representative Libby Jacobs

Description

House File 2008 provides for the election of directors of local school districts, area education agencies, and community colleges in odd-numbered calendar years. These elections are currently conducted annually, and the cost of the elections is passed along by the counties to the local entities.

To accomplish the change from annual to biennial elections, HF 2008 also changes the terms of the directors from three to four years and provides a transition process, beginning with the September 2003 elections. The Bill takes effect upon enactment.

Assumptions

1. The approximate cost of an election for local school districts was estimated for three enrollment categories, based upon an earlier survey of districts regarding these costs.
2. The approximate cost for area education agencies was assumed to be equal to the cost for the smallest school districts. Area education agency directors are elected at director district conventions by representatives of the school boards in their director districts. The costs of these conventions are minimal.
3. The approximate cost for community colleges was assumed to be equal to the cost for the largest school districts.
4. House File 2008 provides for a transition to biennial elections beginning with the September 2003 elections, and there is no fiscal impact in FY 2003 or FY 2004. The fiscal impact of the Bill would not be realized until FY 2005, the first fiscal year with no school elections.

Fiscal Impact

House File 2008 savings to local school districts, area education agencies, and community colleges is estimated to total \$1.5 million in each even-numbered year, beginning with FY 2005. The following table shows the calculation:

| <u>FY 02 Enrollment Category</u> | <u>Number of Districts/Areas</u> | <u>Est. Cost per District/Area</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Less than 400 | 79 | \$ 480 | \$ 37,920 |
| 400-999 | 177 | 1,200 | 212,400 |
| 1,000-7,500 | 106 | 3,400 | 360,400 |
| Greater than 7,500 | 9 | 36,500 | 328,500 |
| Area Education Agencies | 15 | 480 | 7,200 |
| Community Colleges | 15 | 36,500 | <u>547,500</u> |
| Total | | | <u><u>\$1,493,920</u></u> |

Source

Department of Education

_____/s/ Dennis C Prouty_____

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The fiscal note and correction impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.
